

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of May 1, 2008 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the following Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to specify that . Support for this amendment can be found, for example, in the sections entitled "7 Key and key related data", "8 Operating and state data" and "9 Session data", and particularly sections 8.1.1.2-8.1.2, of the present specification;

dependent claims 10 and 12-14 are cancelled;

dependent claim 11 is amended to depend directly from amended claim 1; and

dependent claims 2-9 and 15-21 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendments to not add any new matter to the present application.

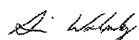
Regarding 35 USC 102(b) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-9, 11 and 15-21 dependent therefrom, is not disclosed by Murakami (US 2001/0014156), because contrary to the Examiner's contentions, Murakami specifically discloses that the secret keys themselves are communicated between the K centers and the entities a and b, and merely the cyphertext C is communicated between the entity a and entity b (see paragraphs [0040]-[0042]), Murakami does not disclose that identities of keys are communicated between the entities together with access permissions associated with those key identities, as is required by the claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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